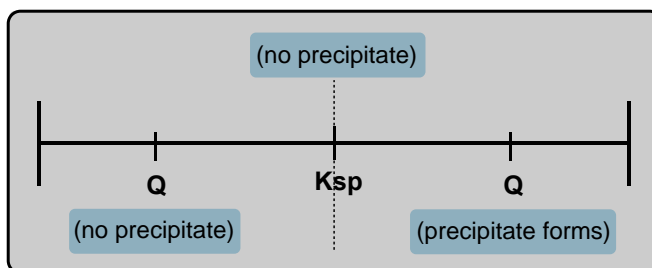


## CONCEPT: SELECTIVE PRECIPITATION

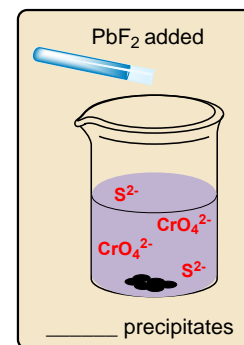
- A process of separating specific \_\_\_\_\_ out of a solution by using *reagents* that form a \_\_\_\_\_ with the ions.
  - **Reagent** is another \_\_\_\_\_ that binds to the dissolved ion and precipitates out of a solution.
    - Successful precipitation of a selected ion depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Ksp) of its salt.
    - When  $Q$  \_\_\_\_\_ Ksp: Precipitation is successful



- Use this logic when asked to precipitate (separate) an ion from a mixture of ions based on differing Ksp values.

**EXAMPLE:** Sample of a solution contains  $0.405\text{ M CrO}_4^{2-}$  and  $0.628\text{ M S}^{2-}$  ions. These two ions can be precipitated with the use of  $\text{PbF}_2$ . Which ion will precipitate out first and at which concentration?

( $\text{PbCrO}_4$  Ksp =  $2.0 \times 10^{-16}$ ,  $\text{PbS}$  Ksp =  $7.0 \times 10^{-29}$ .)



**PRACTICE:** Solution contains  $[\text{Cu}^{2+}] = 0.035\text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{Sr}^{2+}] = 0.054\text{ M}$ ,  $[\text{Al}^{3+}] = 0.23\text{ M}$ .  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  can be separated by selective precipitation using  $\text{NaOH}$ . What is the minimum concentration of  $\text{NaOH}$  needed to start precipitation of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ? (Ksp =  $2.2 \times 10^{-20}$  of  $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$ ).